

Commission on Trauma-Informed Care Meeting

March 17, 2022

10:00 – 11:30am

Meeting held Virtually

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Members in Attendance:

Jessica Wheeler, Chairperson
Beatrice Amoateng (Senator Carter's
designee)
Ulysses Archie
Debbie Badawi
Secretary Carol Beatty
Christina Bethell
Heather Chapman
Councilmember Zeke Cohen
Mike Demidenko (Secretary Padilla's
designee)
Tara Doaty
Elizabeth Guroff
Rayshan Hampton (Senator Augustine's
designee)

Joyce Harrision
Inga James
James Hock (Colonel Jones's designee)
Frank Kros
Miles Lawrence (Secretary Abed's designee)
Sylvia Lawson (Superintendent Choudhury's
designee)
Jessica Lertora
Katie O'Mailey
Christina Peusch
Claudia Remington
Matila Sackor-Jones
Frederick Strieder
Councilmember Doncella Wilson
D'Lisa Worthy

Commission Staff:

Christina Drushel Williams
Kelly Gorman

I. Welcoming Remarks

Ms. Wheeler opened the Trauma-Informed Care Commission meeting and welcomed members and guests. Ms. Wheeler informed members that she will be serving as chair of the Commission until further notice.

II. Roll Call/Introductions

Ms. Gorman took attendance and confirmed that a quorum was present.

III. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Archie made a motion to approve the February 17, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Kros seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

IV. Workgroup Report Outs and Updates

Definitions & Core Values - Chair Position is Vacant

Ms. Drushel Williams reported that the definitions & core values workgroup has begun collecting definitions of the terms identified. Once agency reporting is available, the workgroup will review and recommend standard definitions for approval by the Commission.

The group also discussed the importance of incorporating equity throughout the work of the Commission and its workgroups.

Metrics & Assessment - Kay Conners & Margo Calendria

The metrics and assessment workgroup is looking to identify what is already happening across the state and had an initial proposal to create a toolkit for different departments to utilize. The group placed an emphasis on making sure the tools utilized for data collection lead to meaningful and useful metrics.

Training - Amie Myrick & Janice Goldwater

The Training workgroup will review existing training materials, including those provided in the Agency reporting. The workgroup discussed potential training outcomes including attitudes towards trauma-informed approaches and the implementation of trauma-informed and culturally appropriate policies

ACE Aware - Carrie Freshour

Ms. Drushel Williams reported on behalf of Ms. Freshour. During the first ACE Aware workgroup meeting, the group identified what the ACE Aware California program is. The workgroup will research other states that participate in ACE Aware and the budgetary requirements needed to establish and implement an ACE Aware program in Maryland.

Operational Implementation & Technical Assistance - Elizabeth Guroff, Inga James, & Dr. Michael Sinclair

It has been difficult for the organizational implementation and technical assistance workgroup to pull together everyone for a meeting. Work will continue through email and virtual means.

Public Awareness - Ulysses Archie

The public awareness workgroup has held three meetings. Mr. Archie created a [webpage](#) for the workgroup that has all workgroup meeting notes and information. Commissioners will explore replicating this format for maintaining documents, membership, and work products of the workgroups.

V. March 31st Agency Reports to Commission

A formal request was sent to state agencies outlining the requirements of the report. These include:

- Definitions and terms
- Current training curriculum and implementation
- Current trauma-informed initiatives framework implementation efforts
- Identified agency points of contact and anticipate barriers and challenges

Commission staff will provide an overview and summary of the agency report submission to the Commission at the next meeting.

It was asked if the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services was included as a reporting agency to the Commission. Staff confirmed that the Department was not listed in the bill as an agency required to report to the Commission.

VI. Next Steps

Commission members proposed having a larger meeting to discuss visioning and strategies for Maryland becoming a trauma-informed state and how to accomplish that.

At the next Commission meeting, a vote will be held on whether or not to adopt the [SAMHSA guidance on Trauma-Informed Approaches](#).

- Commissioners are to review the Six Principles of a Trauma-Informed Approach and the Ten Implementation Domains.
- Commissioners are to submit any recommendation language amendments to Commission staff by April 13, 2022 for inclusion in meeting materials prior to the April Commission meeting.

Workgroups will continue to meet in between Commission meetings.

- Workgroup Chairs are to submit a written update to Commission staff by April 13, 2022 for inclusion in meeting minutes prior to the April Commission meeting.

VII. Closing Remarks

The next Trauma-Informed Care Commission meeting is on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 10:00 am. The focus of April's meeting is to have a discussion on the agency reports and for workgroup chairs to provide updates on workgroup progress.

VIII. Resources & Links

- [Public Awareness Workgroup Website](#)